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INACTIVATED EUKARYOTIC
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated February 4, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action was set to expire on May 4, 2003, and with the acceptance of the accompanying petition and fee the time period for response will be extended to August 4, 2003. Accordingly, applicants believe that this response is timely filed. No additional fee is believed to be due for this filing. Should any additional fee be due, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-2350. Should no separate petition for an extension of time accompany this communication, applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 to make submission of the papers submitted herewith timely and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. For

the purpose of charging said deposit account, duplicates of pages 1, 2 and the signature page of this response are submitted herewith.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the final amendment format set forth in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated June 30, 2003, and published at 68 Fed. Reg. 38611.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: